

CLAIMS

1. Contact assembly for insertion into lengthwise spaced open chambers of a multiple connection strap for cable terminals, in particular a distributor of telephone and data lines, characterized by the fact that
- a) contact assembly (3) envelops at least two spaced tongues (4) with contact springs (7), wherein the longitudinal edges of the tongues are intended for the insertable, positive meshing with guide grooves of one of the chambers of a multiple-connection strap;
  - b) the tongues (4) exhibit wire connecting means at the free end, preferably insulation-piercing connecting devices (5), and are connected on the inner end by a web (6); and
  - c) at least the wire connecting means (5), the contact springs (7) and the web (6) are arranged sequentially in the assembly direction, in at least an approximately flush manner, between the longitudinal edges of the tongues (4).

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2. Contact assembly according to claim 1, characterized by the fact that the web (6) is of narrow width and separable.
3. Contact assembly according to claim 2, characterized by the fact that it is a through contact transformable into an isolating contact by separating the web, or into a switching contact by inserting an isolating piece or via molding.
4. Contact assembly according to claim 1, characterized by the fact that the contact points (8) are laterally inclined, so that only the edges of the contact points are touched when inserting a plug connector.
5. Multiple-connection strap with lengthwise spaced, open chambers for the insertion of one contact assembly each, for cable terminals, in particular a distributor of telephone and data lines, characterized by the fact that the casing (1) of the connection strap consists of a one-piece plastic body.

6. Multiple-connection strap according to claim 5, characterized by the fact that the chambers (2) exhibit lateral guide grooves (9) for the form-fitting accommodation of the longitudinal edges of at least two spaced tongues (4) on the contact assembly (3), wherein the tongues (4) carry contact springs (7), and exhibit wire connecting means, preferably insulation-piercing connecting devices (5), at the free end, and are connected on the inside end by a web (6), and wherein at least the wire connecting means (5), the contact springs (7) and the web (6) are located one in back of the other in the assembly direction, in at least an approximately flush manner, between the longitudinal edges of the tongues (4).
7. Multiple-connection strap according to claim 6, characterized by the fact that the chambers (2) exhibit a hole in the area of a separable web (6) that connects the tongues (4) of a contact assembly (3) at the inner end for the temporary accommodation of a separating tool.
8. Multiple-connection strap according to claim 6, characterized by the fact that the chambers (2) exhibit guide means for inserting an isolating and

separating piece in the area of the contact points  
(8) of a contact assembly (3).

9. Multiple-connection strap according to claims 6 to 8, characterized by the fact that it is a through strap or a separating strap or a switching strap, in that the contact assemblies (3) are through contacts that can be transformed into separating contacts by separating the web (6), or into switching contacts by inserting an isolating and separating piece or via molding.